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REFER TO: BRIGADE COMMANDER

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### MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE USU BRIGADE

SUBJECT: Rules of Engagement for Field Training at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania

1. **Purpose.** This policy guidance outlines activities for University staff and students assigned to field training at Fort Indiantown Gap (FIG). It also identifies conduct that is prejudicial to the maintenance of good order and discipline. This guidance is designed to ensure maximum success during field training within the FIG Area of Responsibility (AOR) during the dates of 10-25 July 2008.
2. **Applicability.** This policy is applicable to all United States military personnel, and to those civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying Brigade personnel in support of Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner Field Training. Unless part of the pre-clearance team which supports Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner, compliance with this policy is not applicable to personnel located outside the FIG AOR.
3. **Background.** Realistic field training is an essential component of a professional military's obligation to function in accordance with expectations of the United States Armed Forces. Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner have been carefully designed to simulate the operational tempo of a deployed environment. Often, during real-world deployments, local laws/customs may prohibit certain activities that are generally permissible in western societies. Hence, restrictions upon certain activities are deemed essential to fostering United States/host nation relations and combined operations of United States and friendly forces. The high operational tempo of such deployments, combined with the inherent hazardous conditions often faced by United States forces in forward deployed locations, make it essential that certain activities be restricted. The maintenance of good order and discipline is critically important for military readiness and ultimately ensures mission success.
4. **Prohibited Activities.** During Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner, the following activities are prohibited: Purchase, possession, use, or sale of privately owned firearms, ammunition, explosives, or the introduction of these items into the FIG AOR. Possession, sale, transfer, manufacture, consumption, or the introduction of any alcoholic beverage into the FIG AOR. Any exceptions to this prohibition must be authorized in writing by the Brigade Commander. Possession, sale, transfer, manufacture, consumption, or the introduction of any controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia into the FIG AOR. Lawfully prescribed prescription medication may accompany Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner participants and staff but must be accompanied by the original prescription label of the prescribing medical facility or authority. Gambling of any kind, including sports pools, lotteries, and raffles is prohibited, as well as removing, possessing, selling, defacing, or destroying archeological artifacts or national treasures. Adopting as pets or mascots, caring for, or feeding any type of domestic or wild animal as well as taking or retaining individual souvenirs or trophies is prohibited. Private or public property may be seized during exercises or operations only on order of the Commander or a

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duly authorized representative. When based upon military necessity, and in accordance to the rules of engagement as set forth during Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner Field Training, such property may be collected, processed, secured, or stored for possible later return to the lawful owner(s).

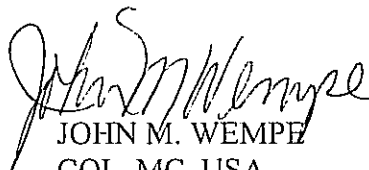
**5. Punitive Policy.** This policy is punitive and all persons who are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) may be punished for its violation. Civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying the Armed Forces of the United States in support of Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner may face criminal prosecution or adverse administrative action for violation(s) of this policy.

**6. Individual Duty.** All military and civilian personnel subject to this policy are charged with the individual duty to become familiar with the scope of this policy. Although not specifically listed, due to it being impractical to enumerate in their entirety, personnel are cautioned that acts of disrespect or violations of military regulations and/or customs may also be punishable under the appropriate punitive articles of the UCMJ and/or applicable administrative regulations. Given the purpose of the field training, professional team building is critical to the success of the mission. Accordingly, sexual harassment, fraternization, or comparable behaviors will not be tolerated as they are not only prohibited by law, but also undermine the effectiveness of a military environment.

**7. Responsibility.** Commandants, Company Commanders, and military/civilian supervisors are charged with ensuring that all appropriate personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements set forth in this policy. Commandants, Company Commanders, and military/civilian supervisors are required to exercise sound judgment at all times and will be held accountable for compliance with this policy. Standard military custom dictates that all pre-clearance officials will dutifully enforce this policy during their inspection of personnel and equipment prior to departure to the FIG AOR and upon return to USU at the conclusion of Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner.

**8. Confiscation of Offending Articles.** Items determined to be in violation of this policy may be considered contraband and thus may be confiscated by command officials or duly authorized law enforcement authorities. If property is so identified, or suspected as being contraband, Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner officials [or their duly designated agents] will immediately, and before destruction of said contraband, coordinate with the servicing Judge Advocate.

**9. Effective Dates.** This policy is effective from 10-25 July 2008. In the event commencement or termination of Operations Bushmaster and Kerkesner activities are altered by the Brigade Commander, or higher authority, all prohibitions and related duties as set forth by this policy will continue to remain in full force and effect during the amended time(s) unless declared void by competent authority.

  
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